

St. Ignatius Church – Chapel Point

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Public Masses have 50% capacity limits. Reservations and Masks are Required

The Eucharist

Saturday Evening: 5:00 p.m.

Weekdays: 8:00 a.m.

Sunday Mornings: 7:30, 9:00, 11:15 a.m.

Holy Days: 8:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Sunday Evening: 6:00 p.m.

Registration: We welcome all new members to our parish family. Your registration is important; it helps us to know those we serve. It is also necessary if you wish to be certified as an active member to be a baptismal or confirmation sponsor.

Stewardship: Christians share their talents, time and treasure to carry on the work of the Church. Your offerings are essential to St. Ignatius Church, for us to maintain our staffing, programs and buildings.

Cemetery: There are grave sites available for active parishioners in the new section at the base of the hill. Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Washington administers the sale of lots and burial. Because we do not have an adequate endowment, the costs of maintenance come from general parish funds. The phone number for Catholic Cemeteries is 301-932-1766.

Reconciliation: Saturdays 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m., or by appointment.

Matrimony: Registered parishioners planning to be married at St. Ignatius must contact the pastor at least six months before the wedding

Baptism: Parents planning to have their child baptized must attend baptism classes. Please contact Sarah MacMillan to schedule the class ignatiusreligion@gmail.com.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: If you would like to learn about becoming a Catholic, please contact the Religious Education Office. Classes begin at the end of the summer.



Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 9, 2021

“This is my commandment: love one another as I love you.”



Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 8 – 5:00 p.m. – Eddie Arabe +

Sunday, May 9 – 7:30 a.m. Elaine Geddis +

Sunday, May 9 – 9:00 a.m. – Frank Mudd +

Sunday, May 9 – 11:15 a.m. – Shirley Watson +

Sunday, May 9 – 6:00 p.m. – George I. Gardiner, III +

Mystical invitations or revelations: Cornelius and Peter

Prior to the events in Sunday’s reading from the Acts of the Apostles, the centurion Cornelius experienced a call to know Christ and to live his life in ever deeper conversion. It was a personal revelation, no new doctrine, just a personal encounter and invitation to join with Jesus through the ministry of Peter.

One afternoon about three o’clock, he saw plainly in a vision an angel of God come in to him and say to him, “Cornelius.” He looked intently at him and, seized with fear, said, “What is it, sir?” He said to him, “Your prayers and almsgiving have ascended as a memorial offering before God. Now send some men to Joppa and summon one Simon who is called Peter.

Meanwhile Peter had his own encounter with divine messengers. Peter’s vision of a sheet full of animals did not reveal any new doctrine but it did suggest a new ways of living out God’s inviting love. Peter already knew that the Lord had welcomed Gentiles and Samaritans into his presence even healing them and sharing water from a well and cup. His private vision built on his knowledge of Jesus seen in the healing of the Centurion’s servant and speaking with the Samaritan woman at the well.

He saw heaven opened and something resembling a large sheet coming down, lowered to the ground by its four corners. In it were all the earth’s four-legged animals and reptiles and the birds of the sky. A voice said to him, “Get up, Peter. Slaughter and eat.” But Peter said, “Certainly not, sir. For never have I eaten anything profane and unclean.” The voice spoke to him again, a second time, “What God has made clean, you are not to call profane.” This happened three times, and then the object was taken up into the sky. (Acts 10:11-16)

Peter knew Jesus and his welcoming of sinners, of foreigners, of gentiles, of the lowly and of the powerful but his internalized sense of the Law of Moses made him uncomfortable with any variance from his youthful sense of religious obligations. He had been trained to maintain ritual purity, to be concerned with the good of others and devotion to God, but above all to avoid exclusion from the people of God by encountering the unclean. It was hard to ignore this training.

The church did not settle areas of question or dispute, by a constant succession of private revelations of new doctrine. Jesus Christ as the Incarnate Son of God is the fullness of revelation. In prayer, in dialog with converts and those who converted them, church leaders found their way through the natural struggles of forming a new community of faith in the Holy Spirit. We still need to turn to God in prayer, to each other in the church and to those who seek God in the ministry of the Church as we continue the perpetual process of refining our understanding and the articulation of the reality of God in our lives. Allowing gentiles to be gentiles opened the gospel to the world.

Happy Mother’s Day to all our mothers, living and deceased, grandmothers, great grandmothers, and all those who are like mothers to us. May you have a blessed and beautiful day filled with joy and peace.

Second Collection Next Weekend There will be the annual collection of the Catholic Communications and Catholic Campaign for Human Development next weekend. Please be as generous as you can.

Condolences Our parish offers prayers and condolences for Carrie Livers, on the death of her sister Elaine Geddes.

Does anyone have a spare Cannon we could borrow?

No it would not need to be a 16th century French cannon. The beginning of the Ignatian Year is set on the anniversary of the Battle of Pamplona, when Ignatius was nearly killed by canon fire. Even just a small ceremonial cannon might be useful to commemorate the rather forceful invitation to our future patron to deepen and personalize his faith. A carbide cannon would be fine.

Please be vaccinated

I know lots of people who have been fully vaccinated- but then again, I know lots of people over 65. Over 75% of those sixty-five years up in Charles County have been fully vaccinated. Only 39% of all those over 18 are similarly immune. If we are going to put this disease behind us, we really need to encourage others especially those who are “young” to help us all live disease free, by increasing our rate of immunity. Those of us who are fully inoculated feel a greater degree of freedom from concern even while still wearing masks to help others. We are only about half way to where we need to be to really move on. Faith in God is essential, but testing God, by doing things that invite disaster is not the same as faith. We should not invite injury or illness without taking prudent precautions. Many a person has gotten vaccines in order to travel to foreign lands or go to restaurants in safety, shouldn't we be willing to do so enjoy family and our faith life here?

VOLUNTEER WITH CATHOLIC CHARITIES Summer Interns Current undergraduate students are invited to serve with us during Summer 2021! We have openings in programs from Public Health to Communications to Social Work, with opportunities for students of all majors. Most work will be remote. Explore the roles and apply [here](#)! Apply by March 28th and serve from May 25th – August 6th, 2021. Have questions? Send us an email to Volunteer@CC-DC.org

PARISH MAY PROCESSION TO HONOR OUR BLESSED MOTHER, QUEEN OF HEAVEN May Processional & Crowning: Join us after the 9:00 AM Mass on Sunday, May 16th to honor Our Blessed Mother with a processional to the Shrine as our parish's first Communicants crown Our Lady. Parishioners are welcome to bring folding chairs to the Shrine for our recitation of the Rosary, prayers, and crowning at 10:00 AM. Bring your rosaries, if you have them. Rosaries are also available from the parish. Contact Sarah MacMillan at ignatiusreligion@gmail.com or at (301)885-7020 for more information or Brenda in the parish office. We will not be having the Annual Rosary Pilgrimage this year. Hopefully, next year we'll be back to normal.

CONGRATULATIONS to our first Communicants who joined with us at the table of Holy Communion last Sunday. Join us in celebrating Elizabeth "Libby" Dyer, Paul "JP" Hafera, Tamlyn Hopkins, Mark Kaple, Brynleigh McGuire, Cassidy Murphy, Madeline Page, Matthew Sible, and Britton Watson. May they always be filled with the love of Christ!

NO FAITH FORMATION, CONFIRMATION PREP CLASS, OR YOUTH GROUP this Sunday, May 9th, so that families may celebrate Mother's Day. Our children's lives are enriched by the love they experience from their mothers, grandmothers, and spiritual mothers. May God bless all the mothers in our lives with every available grace to share the love of Christ to their children. May those who are missing their mothers be wrapped up in the comforting embrace of our Blessed Mother!

VBS: SUMMER OLYMPICS returns in-person this summer! Mark your calendars for July 12th-16th. If you are able to volunteer, please reach out to Sarah MacMillan at ignatiusreligion@gmail.com or call (301)885-7020.

CONFIRMATION rehearsal will be on Sunday, May 16th at 5:00 PM. Please invite your sponsors to attend if they are able. Contact Sarah MacMillan at ignatiusreligion@gmail.com or at (301)885-7020 to find out more.

IGNATIAN YEAR Summer Series: "How Do You See Jesus? Deepening our Relationship with Christ through Meditating with Scripture and Art" Come join together in fellowship and study with Sarah MacMillan on using imagery of Jesus to strengthen our spiritual life. This study will be offered both in-person and virtually. Join us Wednesdays, either at 9:00 AM or at 6:30 PM. We will meet in the Parish Hall, and those who prefer to join us virtually, can Zoom in and join us. Study begins on May 19th and will run through August 18th. Contact Sarah MacMillan at ignatiusreligion@gmail.com or (301)885-7020 to find out more and to register.

PARISH HELP requested again! Our Confirmandi will be sealed in the Holy Spirit on Wednesday, May 26th. Due to pandemic restrictions, we will be having a separate Mass of the Holy Spirit, but I wanted our Confirmandi to feel the welcoming embrace of our parish. If you are able, would you please write a card of well wishes and encouragement and leave in the box labeled Confirmation cards in the vestibule? Please turn in cards as soon as possible.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD is offered at St. Ignatius during the 9:00 AM Mass. It's a wonderful opportunity for our parishioners ages 3-6 years to hear the Word of God at their level. Contact Sarah MacMillan at ignatiusreligion@gmail.com or call (301)885-7020 if you'd like to learn more.

Flower Ministry In need of someone (or a group) to order and care for altar flowers throughout the year, as well as decorate for Christmas and Easter. Contact Brenda Canter in parish office if interested; 301-934-8245 ext. 2 or stigoffice@yahoo.com.

Restore and Renew – Capital Campaign Restoration progress

We continue to have various contractors coming to re-measure, tap, photograph and otherwise our magnificent but tired buildings.

Restore and Renew PLEASE - We ask that you **write a separate check** for donations and pledge payments to the “Restore and Renew” capital campaign. **We have a separate account for the restoration work. It confuses the tracking of funds when they have to be transferred between the two accounts.**

Livestream our Mass St. Ignatius Church will livestream Mass at **9:00 a.m.** on Sunday mornings on Facebook. Go to our Facebook page or reach that page from our website: www.chapelpoint.org.

The Charles County Literacy Council needs tutors for adults who need help with reading, math, ESOL, and earning their GED. No teaching background is necessary; CCLC will train you. Our next training is scheduled for **June 23, 24, and 26** for three hours. Tutoring is still being conducted virtually. If you are willing to devote a couple of hours a week to help change someone's life, please call CCLC at 301-934-6488, email charlescountyliteracy@comcast.net, or contact Julie Mitchell at juliemitchell120@gmail.com. Check out the CCLC website: www.charlescountyliteracy.org. If you're not able to tutor but would like to support CCLC financially, donations are most welcome, since our fundraising efforts have been hampered.

Celebrating Special Wedding Anniversaries: June 27, 2021 Jubilarian Mass Are you celebrating a special wedding anniversary? Each year the Archdiocese of Washington honors couples married 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 and 70+ years at the annual Jubilarian Mass. This year's Mass will be held Sunday, June 27 at 3:00pm at the Cathedral of St. Matthew. To receive a signed Jubilarian anniversary certificate, please contact the parish office before May 14, 2021.

The bulletin via email For safety, we cannot put out paper bulletins in the church. If you'd like to receive the weekly bulletin via email, please email Brenda Canter with your name and preferred email address at stigooffice@yahoo.com.

On-Line Giving We have an electronic giving link on our webpage: www.chapelpoint.org. You can make donations using your checking account or credit card. You can make one time contributions, donations that repeat weekly, every two weeks or monthly. The giving link can be found on the lower half, on the right side of the home page of the website.

If you prefer not to use electronic giving, and are still not comfortable coming back to church, please mail in your weekly offering to the parish office. The address is 8855 Chapel Point Road, Port Tobacco, MD 20677. You can also drop them in the chute under the guestbook in the back of the church. Be sure to turn the handle so the donation drops into the safe inside the wooden column.

Wayside Food Bank April Report On Saturday, April 17, Wayside Food Bank volunteers served 14 families, which included 38 adults, 3 teens and 12 children for a total of 53 clients. We have been very surprised at the low turnout at our distribution. We've reached out to the So. Md. Food Bank and others and it seems to be happening at many places. It's believed that during the pandemic there has been a lot of additional resources and help for the needy in the community. Although that's good, it is a temporary fix; and once aid and resources return to pre-covid levels the need will return. Either way, Wayside Food Bank will continue to be here to serve the less fortunate in the southern Charles County area.

We thank you all for your monetary support and with donations of non perishable items that are so gratefully received by those that continue to come to distribution month after month. We could not be the success we are without each and every one of you. Thank you.

Collection Report for May 1-2, 2021: Offertory \$4,036; Votives \$25; Easter \$150; Church Missions \$50; TOTAL: \$5,061. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Please remember the following people in your daily prayers: Brenda DiCarlo, Dennis and Ann Betar, Denise Edelen, Joyce Edelen, Peggy Burch, Sarah Vaughan, Candice and Miles, Brenda Pilkerton, Sharon Reilly and the Reilly family, Lyn Gibson, Fred Mower, Kelly LeSage, Martha Murphy, Clare, Bruce Posey, Lee Pilkerton, William Coughlon, Judy LeSage, Peggy and Dave Gaestal and family, Marie Jenkins, Traci Renner, Gary Stumpf, Ruth Watson, Van Watson, Pat Kirkland, Eddie Fitzpatrick, Rose Langley, Francis Knott, Chuck Gould, Danny LeSage, Joe, The staff and residents of assisted living and nursing homes, Amelia Zito, Karen Muhlenkamp, Peter Dahl, Elizabeth McCarthy, Alice Pickett, Mary Simmons, Dorothy Simms, Antoine Watson, Vickie & Greg Pickeral, David A. Proctor, Ms. Pickeral, Irene Proctor, Mary Jane Zuknick, Vibha Pubbi, Xavier Bean and family, Toni Gallagher, Bessie Farmer, Bobby Terrett, John Abell, Pat Anderson, Steve and Joann Oliff, Victims, families and survivors of abuse, Tyler Sage, Douglas Hamnes, Sharon Ryan, John Reese, Frankie Chiorcariello and family, Tim Moore, James Johnson, Victoria Liberty, Tamera Scroggins, James J. Nalley, Elaine Gaddis, Butch Hayden, Stacie Hayden